

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 5, 9 and 17 are amended and claims 18 and 19 are added as set forth hereinafter.

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Cancelled).
2. (Previously Presented) The antivibration element of claim 17, wherein said end section is fixed form tight on said guide slot.
3. (Previously Presented) The antivibration element of claim 17, wherein said end section extends over a number of said turns in a range of  $3/4$ -turn to greater than 2-turns.
4. (Previously Presented) The antivibration element of claim 3, wherein said number of said turns is greater than approximately  $1\ 1/4$ -turns.
5. (Currently Amended) The antivibration element of claim 3, wherein said transition section extends over ~~a number of said turns in a range of~~ approximately greater than one turn to four turns.

6. (Original) The antivibration element of claim 3, wherein said coil spring has first and second ends twisted relative to each other.

7. (Original) The antivibration element of claim 6, wherein said first and second ends are twisted relative to each other by approximately a half turn.

8. (Previously Presented) The antivibration element of claim 3, wherein said end section is a first end section and said coil spring has a second end section; and, said guide member is a first guide member and said guide slot is a first  
5 helically-shaped guide slot and said antivibration element comprises a second guide member defining a second helically-shaped guide slot; and, said coil spring is guided at said first and second end sections on said first and second helically-shaped guide slots, respectively.

9. (Currently Amended) The antivibration element of claim 8, wherein said first and second guide members are configured as first and second plugs projecting into the interior of said coil spring from opposite ends thereof; and, first and second  
5 helically-shaped guide ~~helically-shaped~~ slots are formed on said first and second plugs, respectively.

10. (Original) The antivibration element of claim 9, each of said first and second plugs having receptacles formed therein for accommodating an attachment device.

11. (Cancelled).

12. (Previously Presented) The antivibration element of claim 9, wherein, in said transition section, the spacing (a, a') of the base of said helically-shaped guide slots to said longitudinal center axis becomes less with increasing distance from the end section.

13. (Previously Presented) The antivibration element of claim 12, wherein said guide slots each have a trapezoidally-shaped cross section.

14. (Previously Presented) The antivibration element of claim 13, wherein said trapezoidally-shaped guide slot has first and second flanks defining respective angles ( $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ) with said longitudinal center axis of said coil spring which are each less than 90°.

15. (Original) The antivibration element of claim 14, wherein said angles ( $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ) lie in a range of 30° to 60°.

16. (Previously Presented) The antivibration element of claim 9, wherein said guide slots each have a circular-arc-shaped cross section.

17. (Currently Amended) An antivibration element comprising:  
a coil spring subject to deformation under load during

operation of said antivibration element;

5       said coil spring defining a longitudinal axis and having an  
end section, a ~~remainder~~ mid section and a transition section  
extending from said end section to said ~~remainder~~ mid section;

a guide member having a helically-shaped guide slot wherein  
turns of said coil spring are guided;

10       said end section and said transition section being guided in  
said guide slot;

      said end section being fixed in said guide slot;

      said helically-shaped guide slot having a base and said  
transition section being guided in said guide slot with a first  
play (b) to said base measured in radial direction with said  
15       first play (b) increasing with increasing distance from said end  
section;

      said guide slot having first and second flanks delimiting  
said slot in the axial direction of said longitudinal axis; and,

      said transition section having a second play (c) to said  
20       first flank in said axial direction and a third play (d) to said  
second flank also in said axial direction with said  
plays (b, c, d) becoming overcome during said deformation under  
load so as to permit the turns of said transition section to lie  
at least in part against said guide slot thereby increasing the  
25       stiffness of said coil spring.

18. (New) An antivibration element comprising:

      a coil spring subject to deformation under load during  
operation of said antivibration element;

      said coil spring defining a longitudinal axis and having an

5 end section, a mid section and a transition section extending  
from said end section to said mid section;

a guide member having a helically-shaped guide slot wherein  
turns of said coil spring are guided;

said end section and said transition section being guided in  
10 said guide slot;

said end section being fixed in said guide slot;

said helically-shaped guide slot having a base and said  
transition section being guided in said guide slot with a first  
play (b) to said base measured in radial direction;

15 said guide slot having first and second flanks delimiting  
said slot in the axial direction of said longitudinal axis; and,

said transition section having a second play (c) to said  
first flank in said axial direction and a third play (d) to said  
second flank also in said axial direction with said

20 plays (b, c, d) becoming overcome during said deformation under  
load in a direction perpendicular to said longitudinal axis so as  
to permit the turns of said transition section to lie at least in  
part against said guide slot thereby increasing the stiffness of  
said coil spring.

19. (New) The antivibration element of claim 18, wherein said  
first play (b) increases with increasing distance from said end  
section in the direction of said longitudinal axis.